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Subject: Request for Extension for the Submittal of Work Plan to Stabilize the Eastern End of Sandia Canyon Wetland Required by Approval with Modification to the Phase II Investigation Work Plan for Sandia Canyon

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) received the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) January 4, 2011, letter of approval with modification for the Phase II investigation work plan for Sandia Canyon (the Approval with Modification). Pursuant to Section III.J.2 of the Compliance Order on Consent, the Laboratory requests an extension of 52 days from March 25, 2011, to May 16, 2011, to submit the Work Plan to Stabilize the Eastern End of Sandia Canyon Wetland.

The proposed schedule is largely driven by the complexity of resolving the Sandia Canyon wetland stabilization activity. In a January 6, 2011, discussion with your staff, the Laboratory discussed the challenges of meeting the March 25, 2011, due date for the work plan because of the potential complexity of the stabilization measures that might be required and the potential difficulty of conducting field visits in the Sandia wetland during winter months to scope the measures. The Laboratory proposes to begin considering options and conducting field visits to the wetland at the earliest opportunity and to discuss possible approaches with NMED in meetings that would likely take place in March or April, 2011. Based on feedback received from NMED, we will submit the work plan by May 16, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Veenis at (505) 667-0013 (veenis@lanl.gov) or Cheryl Rodriguez at (505) 665-5820 (crodriguez@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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